

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

**PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

Consideration of Adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements Order  
And Time Schedule Order

(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit)

for

**BEAR VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY  
ALPINE COUNTY**

Bear Valley Water District (Discharger) owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system, providing sewerage service to the community of Bear Valley, Bear Valley Ski Resort, and the Lake Alpine/United States Forest Service. The treatment system consists of an aeration pond with a treatment capacity of 0.5 million gallons per day. The treated and chlorinated effluent is pumped to a 325 acre-foot unlined storage reservoir for final disposal by spray irrigation during summer months under separate Land Disposal Requirements, Order No. 5-01-208.

The Discharger, due to a lack of adequate storage and wastewater disposal capacity, proposes to discharge treated effluent to the Bloods Creek, tributary to North Fork of Stanislaus River. The discharge would occur only in extremely wet winter periods, during spring snow melting season, and only when the effluent receives at least 20 to 1 dilution by the receiving stream.

The proposed Order includes effluent limitations and requires the Discharger to submit monitoring data demonstrating compliance with the effluent and the receiving water limitations. Immediate compliance with the effluent limitations for iron and manganese may not be possible or practicable and cannot be demonstrated until additional data is generated. The proposed Order includes a companion Time Schedule Order which provides a time schedule for the Discharger to develop, submit and implement methods to meet the iron and manganese effluent limitations.

A **formal** public hearing or a hearing panel concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting that is scheduled for:

DATE: 20 and 21 October 2005  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Board Office  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Representatives of Bear Valley Water District
- Stockton East Water District

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Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **26 September 2005**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **10 October 2005**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **10 October 2005** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair

Anyone having questions on this proposed new Waste Discharge Requirements Order should contact Anand Mamidi at 916-464-4853. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_laws/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/). Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_meetings/mtgprocd.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html) or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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KENNETH D. LANDAU, Assistant Executive Officer

9 September 2005